

Creates the Interagency Recreation board in the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPSC). (Note: The Interagency Recreation Board was created in 1984 (in DHHR) and provisions for the board were repealed in 1989, at which time the supervision, management and use of lands under the board were transferred to the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH).)

Includes the following provisions:

- (1) The board is to be composed of seven members: the secretaries of DPSC, DHH, and the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (DCRT), and four persons appointed by the governor. Appointed members serve at the pleasure of the appointing governor. The governor appoints the chairman; he selects the vice chairman from three members elected by the board. The DCRT secretary serves as board secretary.
- (2) DPSC through the board, is required to provide for the development and operation of golf courses, tennis courts, ball parks, and other recreation facilities on suitable available land owned by the state or its agencies for the purposes of providing:
 - (a) Recreation for La. citizens.
 - (b) Maintenance training for and to aid in rehabilitation of inmates under DPSC jurisdiction.
 - (c) Recreation for state employees and patients at state institutions in rural areas.
- (3) Requires that the golf course, tennis court, ball park, and recreation facility program, including the construction of such facilities, be administered and implemented in accordance with policies and plans established by and rules adopted by the board, which shall be the policymaking body for the program.
- (4) Requires that the board:
 - (a) Annually adopt and periodically review and amend, a master golf course, tennis court, ball park, and recreation facility plan and budget for board operations, including, but not limited to, a description of and specifications for operation of each golf course, tennis court, ball park, and recreation facility.
 - (b) Estimate the financial benefits from the program.
 - (c) Determine the locations of the program.
 - (d) Insure that the most cost-effective construction methods are used.
 - (e) Determine the persons required to participate in the enterprise and the proposed disposition and future management of the completed facilities.
 - (f) Employ a director and, if necessary, an assistant director to administer the program.
 - (g) Determine the estimated costs.

- (h) Determine the use of all land or facilities transferred to, used by, or under the jurisdiction of the board.
 - (i) Determine the expenditure of monies from the Interagency Recreation Board Fund.
 - (j) Approve rules and regulations necessary to implement the Act.
- (5) Requires that the board, in developing the master plan, give consideration to the teaching of skills to inmate labor and the operation of each enterprise at a favorable cost-benefit ratio. Requires that in determining the cost-benefit ratio of each facility the board consider:
 - (a) Costs savings due to minimizing employee turnover and retraining costs of employees of departments, institutions, agencies, and political subdivisions of the state in proximity of recreational facilities.
 - (b) Therapeutic benefits to state institution patients.
 - (c) Benefits realized from the teaching of skills to and the rehabilitation of inmates under DPSC jurisdiction.
- (6) Requires the board to establish and fix the costs for use of facilities by the public.
- (7) Establishes a special fund, the Interagency Recreation Board Fund, in the state treasury, into which all monies realized from utilization of facilities of or through other operations of the board shall be paid. Provides that the fund be used for the maintenance, upkeep, and construction of board recreational facilities and for the purchase of buildings, materials, equipment, labor, management expertise, and other board expenses. Limits the fund to \$3,500,000. Provides for retention of funds not in excess of such amount for expenditure from year to year solely by the board in accordance with appropriations.
- (8) Requires that funds in the Interagency Recreation Board Fund be expended by the chairman in accordance with the plan and budget approved by the board. Authorizes providing development funding for the board through the operating or capital outlay budget of DPSC and from the sale of timber on board lands. (See Para. 12 below.)
- (9) Requires that the board monitor all expenditures from the fund for compliance with the recreation facility plan. Requires DPSC secretary to annually cause a compliance audit of the fund to be made as well as a program audit of the board program. Requires that a copy of each be transmitted to the board and to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance.
- (10) Authorizes the board to contract for maintenance, upkeep, and management of facilities or otherwise as necessary or appropriate to implement the Act. Specifically prohibits any such private contractor from prohibiting or restricting public access to facilities on the basis of race, sex, creed, or color.
- (11) Requires DHH to transfer to the board the supervision, management, and use of the surface of not in excess of 250 acres of state-owned lands, including timber in East Feliciana Parish determined by the former board to be suitable to implement the Act, which were previously transferred to the board and subsequently transferred to

DHH. Also authorizes and directs such transfer to be made by DHH and DPSC if not completed under prior law.

- (12) Existing law (not repealed when provisions for the board were repealed) provides procedures for sale of timber on land under jurisdiction of the board by the board. Includes provision for application by purchaser to secretary of board and good faith deposit of \$100. Provides for evaluation by office of forestry of DNR of the current market value of the timber and quantity that could be harvested based on sound forestry practices and the goals of the board. Authorizes board, on its own initiative, to advertise for bids for timber sale. Provides for advertisement of sale. Requires sale to highest bidder by parish sheriff. Bids must be sealed, and must be accompanied by amount of bid. No bid below minimum price set by the Office of Forestry will be accepted. Provides for deposit of sale proceeds in Interagency Recreation Board fund. Provides for removal of timber sold. Requires that the time stipulated to cut and remove the timber, the manner of removal, and other special conditions, shall be fixed in the advertisement and in the secretary of the board, as well as the type and size of trees to be cut.
- (13) Places board in DPSC in accordance with provisions of R.S. 36:801 which provides that the board continues to be composed and selected as provided by law and retains all of its powers, duties, and functions which are in the nature of policymaking, rulemaking, licensing, regulation, enforcement, or adjudication; that the DPSC secretary and undersecretary perform only certain administrative, budgetary, and accounting functions; that the DPSC secretary exercises functions related to payroll, personnel management, procurement and contract management.

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